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6 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Subject: Report of meetings held on Monday and Tuesday,  
April 5 and 6, 1948 (Psychological Warfare)

MEETING ON MONDAY

1. This was a special meeting called by the Chairman of the SANACC Subcommittee to discuss comments made by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on SWNCC 304/6. The following members attended:

Chairman - Mr. Ralph Block	- State Department
Comdr. David Knell	- Navy Department
Col. Clyde Rich	- Air Force
Col. William McNamee	- Army Department
[REDACTED]	- CIA
Lt. Col. V. F. Field	- SANACC Secretariat

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2. A copy of the comments of the JCS is attached. Colonel Field suggested that the memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff be circulated to SANACC as 304/11.

MEETING ON TUESDAY

1. The regular meeting of the SANACC Subcommittee was held this morning at 0930 with full attendance. Lt. Colonel Field of the SANACC Secretariat was not at this meeting.

2. The Subcommittee examined 304/11 as issued by the SANACC Secretariat. Paragraph 2 of "Note by the Secretaries" stated in part "...the Subcommittee for Special Studies and Evaluations recommends that the memorandum in the Appendix be approved by the Committee for transmittal to the National Security Council." The Subcommittee made no such recommendation; in fact, the paper of the Joint Chiefs of Staff was never officially referred to the Subcommittee. Accordingly, they recommended that this sentence be stricken from the cover sheet of 304/11. The SANACC Secretariat agreed to make such a change.

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3. As a part of 304/14, the SANACC Secretariat prepared a "MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL" in which it was stated that the views of the JCS on SWHCC 304/6 were being forwarded to the National Security Council for consideration before action would be taken by SWHCC to amend 304/6. There was division of opinion among the members of the Subcommittee as to whether this was the appropriate type of action for SWHCC to take. I felt that this was a matter outside of the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee, and the decision by the SANACC Secretariat supported this viewpoint. Hence, the draft as prepared stands unchanged for tomorrow's meeting of SANACC.

4. The Chairman of the Subcommittee then asked that we take cognizance of a few points which he would like us to act upon:

a. That the alternate on the Subcommittee be authorized to act with full authority in the frame of reference of the Subcommittee.

b. That members will be polled by voice vote as to their approval of the reports of previous meetings, and

c. That prior to release from the Subcommittee of any official action, the papers in their final form will be examined by the individual members.

5. The Subcommittee then examined all of the pending items from the last Progress Report and made many changes and deletions.

6. A short discussion took place regarding the SANACC meeting to be held tomorrow. The Chairman suggested that the Central Intelligence Agency be officially invited to send an observer to this meeting.

7. The Chairman then inquired as to what the Committee viewpoint was regarding our method of operation at the panel meeting of the Human Resources meeting of the National Resources Board on Friday. The majority viewpoint expressed was that we would be most cautious and would say nothing which would reflect upon the work of the Subcommittee or of the Agencies represented by the members.

8. It was decided that at the meeting to be held tomorrow morning, the Subcommittee will examine into the procedures to be adopted by the Subcommittee for its own operations.

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P. S. Attached is a copy of a memorandum prepared by the Judge Advocate General of the Navy Department on the subject contained in SANACC 304/12.

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